# Opening of the CPH2021 LGBTI+

## **HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM**

# Monday, 16 August 2021

## 15:15-15:35 Welcome and official opening

**Karen Ellemann** – moderator. MP, Deputy Speaker of the Danish Parliament, Chairperson All-Party Parliamentarian Group on SRHR.

# Welcome to the Human Rights Forum

**Dr. Natalia Kanem**, UN Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director, UNFPA **Aron le Fèvre**, Director of Human Rights, Copenhagen 2021.

## **Opening Address**

Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark.

#### **Introductory remarks**

**Flemming Møller Mortensen**, Minister for Development Cooperation and Minister for Nordic Cooperation (Denmark).

## 15:35-16:10 Dilemma dialogue

#### **GOAL 16: PEACE, JUSTICE & STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

Anonymous activist (Mexico),

Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

Tarek Zeidan, Executive Director, Helem (Libanon),

Erinda Ballanca, People's Advocate / Ombudsman (Albania).

#### 16:10-16:15 Stand-and-stretch break

# 16:15-16:50 Dilemma dialogue

#### **GOAL 3: ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES**

Anonymous activist (Nigeria),

Dr. Natalia Kanem,

Tuisina Ymania Brown, Co-Secretary General of ILGA world (Samoa),

**Dr. Franka Cadée,** President, International Confederation of Midwives (ICM).

## 16:50-16:55 Stand-and-stretch break

#### 16:55-17:20 Panel discussion

#### **GOAL 10: REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES**

Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth,

**Ulrika Modéer,** UN Assistant Secretary General, Director of Bureau of External Relations & Advocacy, UNDP,

**Anbid Zaman,** Youth Representative, European and Central Asian Region, ILGA World Youth Steering Committee (Bangladesh).

# 17:20-17:30 Looking ahead

**Victor Madrigal-Borloz**, HRC Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on SOGI.

THANK YOU, Dr. Natalia Kanem and Aron le Fèvre.



# Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark

Patron of UNFPA
Patron of Copenhagen 2021



**Dr. Natalia Kanem**UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Natalia Kanem has been the Executive Director of UNFPA since 2017. Dr. Kanem joined UNFPA in 2014 and has more than 30 years of strategic leadership experience in the fields of preventive medicine, public and reproductive health, social justice, and philanthropy. Dr. Kanem holds a medical degree from Columbia University in New York, and a Master's degree in Public Health with specializations in epidemiology and preventive medicine from the University of Washington in Seattle. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard University in history and science.



**Aron le Fèvre**Director of Human Rights for Copenhagen 2021 WorldPride & EuroGames

Aron le Fèvre is working to make the LGBTI+ cause visible and support the global LGBTI+ agenda, engaging with activists and Civil Society Organizations from all over the world. He is a passionate and multilingual champion of human rights, with experience in international politics and the global LGBTI+ and Pride community. Aron le Fèvre holds a Master degree in European Law and International Law, and an Advanced Master in International Relations and Diplomacy.



# Flemming Møller Mortensen

Minister for Development Cooperation and Minister for Nordic Cooperation, Denmark

Minister since 2020 and member of the Danish Parliament for the Social Democratic Party since 2007. In parliament, Flemming Møller Mortensen is a former Chairman of the Health Committee, Cultural Affairs Committee, Vice-chair of the European Affairs Committee, and Chairman of the Social Democratic Group.

The Minister's educational background is in nursing, sales and management and he has specialist training as an anaesthetist nurse. Prior to his parliamentary career, he worked in nursing, sales and management in the health and pharmaceutical sectors.



## Karen Ellemann

MP, Deputy Speaker of the Danish Parliament, Chairperson All-Party Parliamentarian Group on SRHR

Karen Ellemann is, among other, the former Minister for Equal Opportunities and Nordic Cooperation, and former Minister for Social Affairs and the Interior. As Chairperson for the All-Party Parliamentarian Group on SRHR and as a member of The Executive Committee for the Danish Liberal Democracy Programme, Ms. Ellemann has long fought for women's reproductive health and rights and the advance of democratic values across the globe. Before entering politics, Ms. Ellemann had a career in the private sector, where she led companies in the communications and culture industry.



#### Michelle Bachelet

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Michelle Bachelet was elected President of Chile on two occasions (2006 - 2010 and 2014 - 2018) and was the first female president of Chile. She served as Health Minister (2000-2002) as well as

Chile's and Latin America's first female Defense Minister (2002 – 2004). In 2011, Ms. Bachelet was named the first Director of UN Women, an organization dedicated to fighting for the rights of women and girls internationally. Michelle Bachelet has a Medical Degree in Surgery, with a specialization in Pediatrics and Public Health. She also studied military strategy at Chile's National Academy of Strategy and Policy and at the Inter-American Defense College in the United States.



**Tarek Zeidan**Executive Director, Helem (Lebanon)

Tarek Zeidan is a sexual and bodily rights activist from Beirut, Lebanon, advocating for the rights and protection of LGBT individuals and groups in the MENA region. Helem is the first LGBT rights organisation in the Arab World, founded in Beirut in 2001. He is a Ford Global Fellow and was a fellow at the Harvard Center for Public Leadership. Tarek has previously worked at both the Brookings Institution and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He has an MPA in human rights and advocacy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.



**Erinda Ballanca** People's Advocate / Ombudsman (Albania)

Erinda Ballanca was elected the People's Advocate of Albania by The Albanian Parliament for a fiveyear mandate in 2017. She graduated from the Law Faculty of the University of Tirana with a Golden Medal and became an associate lecturer at the Law Faculty, of the University of Tirana lecturing in Constitutional Law and Legislative Technique. From 1997-2008 she was affiliated with the "Studio Legale Tonucci", the first international law firm in Albania, in which she became a partner in 2004. She founded her own law firm "Ballanca Law Office" in 2008 which has grown to be one of the most well-known Albanian law firms.



**Dr. Franka Cadée**President, International Confederation of Midwives (ICM)

Franka Cadée is currently serving her second term as the President of the International Confederation of Midwives. Franka is an expert on sexual and reproductive healthcare and rights with a focus on the role of midwives, with over 30 years of strategy and policy development, advocacy, leadership, research and project management experience. She is known to many for her PhD research into twinning, a cross-cultural reciprocal process to strengthening the agency of midwives. Franka is also a member of the Executive Board of the Partnership for Maternal and Newborn Health (PMNCH) representing the Health Care Professional Associations, a Board member of the ICM With Women charity, and a member of the High-Level Commission on the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 follow-up.



#### **Tuisina Ymania Brown**

Co-Secretary General of ILGA world (Samoa)

Ymania Brown is a trans fa'afafine woman of color from Samoa and is a survivor of child rape, institutionalized discrimination, spousal gender-based violence and abuse, racial profiling, and antitrans violence and persecution throughout her life. She is a public speaker, an intellectual property attorney, and a working mum to two adopted sons. She has over 20 years of experience working in corporate Australia and has over 10 years of volunteer experience in international NGOs. She is not only on the International Advisory Board of Copenhagen2021, she is also the first trans woman elected Co-Secretary General of ILGA World.



Jayathma Wickramanayake
UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

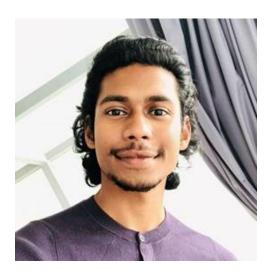
Jayathma Wickramanayake was appointed as the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth in June 2017 at the age of 26. She is the youngest senior official in the UN and the first woman to hold this position. In this role, Jayathma works to expand the UN's youth engagement and advocacy efforts across all four pillars of the organization's work — sustainable development, human rights, peace and security, and humanitarian action — and serves as a representative of and advisor to the Secretary-General. Originally from Sri Lanka, Jayathma Wickramanayake has worked extensively on youth development and participation, including playing a key role in transforming the youth development sector in her home country.



Ulrika Modéer

Assistant Secretary General & Director of Bureau of External Relations & Advocacy, UNDP

Ulrika Modéer began her role in UNDP in 2018. She leads the organization in nurturing and growing key relationships with the Member States and new and emerging partners. Ulrika Modéer previously served as Sweden's State Secretary for International Development Cooperation and Climate. She combines a strong policy background with parliamentary and civil society experience. Ulrika Modéer holds a BA in International Relations from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden.



#### **Anbid Zaman**

Youth Representative, European and Central Asian Region, ILGA World Youth Steering Committee (Bangladesh)

Anbid started advocating for LGBTIQA+ human rights at age 16 working for the first-ever LGBTIQ and Hijra magazine, Roopbaan, in Bangladesh, but has since moved to Germany for personal security reasons. Anbid is serving on the executive board of Aktionsbündnis gegen Homophobie e. V., is an executive board member at the Cologne Pride, member of the Global Queer Youth Network and Queer European Asylum Network, and the President & Chair of the Board of Directors for the Global

Center, an NGO that creates freedom through education for LGBTI+ youth globally. Anbid served at the Advisory Board of SOGICA European Research on SOGI Asylum. Anbid was recently awarded the Diana Award in 2021 for their extensive work in LGBTIQA+ human rights for the past 10 years of their life.



# Victor Madrigal-Borloz

HRC Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

Victor Madrigal-Borloz, a Costa Rican jurist, is a senior visiting researcher at the Harvard Law School's Human Rights Program. He has served as the Secretary-General of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, a global network of over 150 rehabilitation centers with the vision of full enjoyment of the right to rehabilitation for all victims of torture and ill treatment.